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CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ... Yen 24,000,000

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... 21,000,000

CAPITAL UNCALLED ... 3,000,000

RESERVE FUND ... 13,700,000

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TOKIO. HONOLULU. NAGASAKI. SHANGHAI. NEWCHWANG. SAN FRANCISCO. MUKDEN. BOMDAY. PORT ARTHUR. TIENSIN. CHEFOO. DALN. KORE. TIE-LING. LONDON. OSAKA. NEW YORK.

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1906. [17]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-HOLDERS ... £800,000
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INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

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T. P. COCHRANE Manager.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1906. [23]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

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CAPITAL AND SURPLUS AUTHORIZED ... GOLD \$10,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP ... GOLD \$ 3,250,000
RESERVE FUND ... GOLD \$ 3,450,000

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No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

CHAS. R. SCOTT, Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1907. [18]

NEEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ. (Netherlands Trading Society.)

ESTABLISHED 1824.

PAID-UP CAPITAL FL. 45,000,000 (L.3,750,000). RESERVE FUND FL. 5,000,000 (L. 417,000).

Head Office—AMSTERDAM.

Head Agency—BATAVIA.

BRANCHES:—Singapore, Penang, Shanghai, Rangoon, Semarang, Sourabaya, Cheribon, Tegal, Pecalongan, Pasuruan, Tjilatjap, Padang, Medan (Deli), Palembang, Kota-Kadja (Acheen), Telok-Semawe (Acheen), Bandjernasim.

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On Fixed Deposits: 12 months 4% per annum.

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J. BOETJE, Manager.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND ... Yen 24,000,000

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... 21,000,000

CAPITAL UNCALLED ... 3,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIORS ... \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND ... 13,700,000

Head Office:—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.

TOKIO. HONOLULU. NAGASAKI. SHANGHAI. NEWCHWANG. SAN FRANCISCO. MUKDEN. BOMDAY. PORT ARTHUR. TIENSIN. CHEFOO. DALN. KORE. TIE-LING. LONDON. OSAKA. NEW YORK.

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For 12 months, 4% per cent. per annum.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [21]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [22]

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP ... St. Taels 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

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INTEREST allowed on Current Account.

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Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

F. JUNG, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1907. [24]

NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELS BANK.

(NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK)

ESTABLISHED 1863.

Authorized Capital FL. 15,000,000 (L. 1,250,000).

Subscribed Capital FL. 10,000,000 (Paid-up).

Reserve Fund ... FL. 1,628,800 (L. 35,737).

Head Office—AMSTERDAM.

Sub-Office—THE HAGUE.

Head Agency—BATAVIA.

BRANCHES:—At Singapore, Sourabaya, Samarang, Semarang, Pasuruan, Tjilatjap, Padang, Medan (Deli), Palembang, Kota-Kadja (Acheen), Telok-Semawe (Acheen), Bandjernasim.

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J. BOETJE, Manager.

16, Des Voeux Road Central. [19]

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Capt. G. W. Cockman, R.N.R. } Passage.
LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, BORNEO ... About 30th
Capt. G. W. Gordon, R.N.R. } January } Freight and
COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES ... } Passage.

SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and PALMA ... About 3rd
Capt. G. W. Cockman, R.N.R. } February } Freight only.
YOKOHAMA ... } Hongkong, 25th January, 1907. [2]

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

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S.S. "HONAM,"	2,363 tons	Captain H. D. Jones.
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" " "FATSHAN,"	2,260 "	R. D. Thomas.
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Hongkong, 14th January, 1907.

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AGENTS.

ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1907.

while the flatters have fallen below their usual standard as regards output. It is needless to refer to the yarn market, which has proved so disastrous to merchants in Hongkong as well as in the two Kwangs. So that all these unfortunate circumstances combine to accentuate the gravity of the situation, and tend to create an uneasy feeling in respect of the eventual outcome of the misery which will be engendered by the agglomeration of misfortunes. We learn that the Chinese authorities have adopted measures to prevent the exportation of cereals from the Southern provinces, but it can well be understood that those who have had a modicum of success in raising crops of grain are not desirous of retaining within the famine-stricken belt products for which the majority of the peasantry have no means to purchase. The proclamations prohibiting the exportation of grain have been issued by the Chinese officials, but it appears that no effort has been made to act in conjunction with the Customs, the consequence being that the cereals have been passed by the latter and afterwards detained at the *liu* stations. In other words, additional and unnecessary expenses have been incurred by the exporters, and the original value of the products proportionately increased. It is a black look-out for the Chinese New Year, for it seems impossible that, unless there is a decided change for the better in the commercial world, there can be a general settling-up at the usual period. And the poverty of the peasantry, their inability to indulge in the various functions which characterise this season of the year, and the demands which will be made on the Provincial Government, augur ill for the prospects of the near future. It is not as if the distress were confined to one or two districts, for the failure of the crops seems to cover a widespread area and so affect a very extensive proportion of the native population. In view of the seriousness of the situation, it is to be hoped that the Chinese authorities will take immediate steps to mitigate the sufferings of the people, and thereby stem the tide of popular discontent with all the consequences which follow in its train.

AN ANTI-OPIUM ENTHUSIAST.

Many good people in the home country appear to be of the firm belief that the extinction of the opium habit is in sight, and apparently there are not lacking newspapers which are willing to foster this belief. A Bombay paper refers to the fact that it is firmly believed an antidote has been discovered, the effects of which are so far-reaching and effectual that the opium fiend will be as dead as the dodo in a few months. According to a writer in a London newspaper: "A few weeks ago a well-to-do Chinaman in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Selangor, received from China specimens of a plant which was said to be a cure for the opium habit. A short search revealed the fact that the plant grew freely in Selangor in a wild state. A quantity was obtained and active operations commenced. The leaves of the plant are exposed to the sun for day, then chopped fine and roasted, after which an infusion is made and the specific is ready for use. The first man experimented upon was a coolie employed by a European lady, and although he was a confirmed opium smoker he was pronounced cured in a week." The *Perak Pioneer* waxes sarcastic over this piece of information, remarking that "the information and the wonderful statistics given of the newly-discovered cure comes from London, where they appear to be much better informed on the subject than we ourselves are on the spot." It also suggests that many of the writer's statements should be taken with a grain of salt, for if there have been any cures they must partake of the nature of faith-healing. The statement that the antidote was discovered in China is ridiculed, and it certainly seems more probable that it was found in Selangor than in the Middle Kingdom—only it has to be proved that it is an antidote at all. For instance, the fact that the writer's facts are all wrong—he says that 2,000 Chinese addicted to opium make daily application for the new decoction at Kuala Lumpur alone, and already 14,000 people have been cured—does not incline one to give absolute faith in his various assertions. Our *Perak Pioneer* observes that "it is well-known that the poorer classes of the Chinese live most economically, waste nothing, throw nothing away, as was revealed in the case of the first visitation of the deadly bubonic plague in Hongkong, when wholesale forcible evictions had to be made in order that the filthy and insanitary dwellings occupied might be pulled down and razed, when all sorts of rubbish were found deposited beneath the beds, even to potato peelings. We must, therefore, certainly be rather sceptical concerning the statement that each smoker when he feels the craving for the drug has been permanently overcome, brings his opium pipe, lamp and smoking paraphernalia for immediate destruction. It will further, we imagine, be rather difficult for the Mission dispensary to continue the free supply of the 'cure' to those who gather the leaves, now demand ten dollars per picul for the same." After all, as we have frequently stated, what proof is there that the 'cure' will be lasting? Time has not yet been given the opportunity of the test being made. Trouble, sorrow, and worry frequently cause individuals to imbibe in order to drown their care, and what proof is there that any Chinese suffering from either of the above afflictions, may not again fly back to his former vice?" If there is such a potent drug in existence that the opium habit is wiped out in a week it is strange that it has not been brought to the notice of the Chinese authorities. It is to be feared that despite all the proclamations of the Chinese Imperial Government, the edicts and penalties, the anti-opium societies and the wonderful antidotes, the time is yet far distant when it can be declared positively that the vice has been eradicated. When the present generation has faded away, when every opium pipe and smoking outfit has been thrown into the sea, when the poppy ceases to be cultivated in China then, possibly, it may be asserted that the opium habit has disappeared, but not till then.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE French mail of the 23rd December was delivered to London on the 23rd inst.

We are requested to announce that H.E. the Governor will beat home at Government House, on Thursday, January 31st, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

THE occupier of No. 3, Stanley Street was summoned by the Sanitary Board before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, this morning, for continuing to use the basement of the house as a kitchen after being previously warned. Dr. Clarke, Medical Officer of Health, watched the case on behalf of his department. The defendant admitted the charge and was given a fortnight to change the habit.

THE Building Authorities' summons against Fung Shun San, executor for the late Fung Tin Cheuk, which was wrongly served on Messrs. Wilkinson and Grisi last week, who, "commanded by the King," appeared in Court and queried the wording of the summons, was amended, and the case was concluded at the Police Court, this morning. The summons was dismissed on a promise being made that the will would be pulled down. The summons related to certain dangerous walls at the back of a house at Yaumati, which stood in danger of collapsing.

WE greatly regret to learn from a Tientsin telegram of the almost tragically sudden death of Mr. A. H. G. Gilmore, which took place at that port on the 17th inst., as it is reported, from scarlet fever. Mr. Gilmore was cashier at the Tientsin branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and was a gentleman who took much interest in all forms of sport. He had a wide circle of friends in Tientsin, and likewise many in Shanghai, to whom his sudden death must come as a shock. He was, we believe, engaged to be married to a Hongkong lady.—*China Gazette*.

THE very latest, most terrible is Eugenie Jaques. She resides at St. Louis, a nine months old, and looks like a seasoned child of ten. Scores of physicians are visiting her. The mother says her baby began to repeat almost any sentence heard in its cradle, even three months ago. Its vocabulary mainly consists of sarcastic references to the quality of its dinner or the character of the cook, indicating that while the parents were feeding the little nipper was absorbing. Miss Jaques has already talked her father out of his home. The mind of the mere man reeks at the thought of the possibilities that lie before her.

BY kind permission of Lieut.-Col. W. Scott Moncrieff and Officers, the Band of the 3rd Batt., "The Duke of Cambridge's Own" (Middlesex Regiment) will play the following programme of music, during dinner, at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow, the 26th inst.—

March....."Light of Foot".....Latham Vale....."Tresor D'Amour".....Wadsworth Grand Selection....."Tambour".....Wagner Air (from *Stalact Mater*)....."Ceyres Animam".....Rosati Overture....."La Macan".....Auber Ein Albuhsalt....."Hobomak".....Wagner Selection....."Bohemian Girl".....Halle Two-Step....."Hop Scotch".....Reubens Regimental Marches.

God bless the Prince of Wales.

God save the King.

At the Marine Court this afternoon, before Lieut. C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Harbour Master and Marine Magistrate, the coxswain of the *Sam Wo* had his certificate suspended for two months, for unlawfully blowing his whistle in the harbour, and was told if he wished to recover it he must go up for examination again at the expiration of that period. When examined as to the use of the whistle this afternoon he showed a remarkably vague knowledge of the difference between the port and the starboard side of a vessel!

THE *Bystander*, one of the brightest of London's illustrated weeklies, has, in the number dated 19th December, the first of a series of articles on "The Awakening of China" by Mr. R. W. Swallow. On the whole, the opening chapter gives an instructive idea of the strides China has made in thought and action during the past few years, and will enlighten its readers regarding present day conditions in the Middle Kingdom. It is profusely illustrated, with capital photographs of the Empress Dowager, the Emperor, and several prominent officials. The number throughout is excellent.

FOOCHOW.

MILITARY MANOEUVRES.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

FOOCHOW, 21st Jan.—

General Sun Tao Yen, in command of the troops in this district, has arranged for military manoeuvres on an extensive scale, to take place on the 24th and 25th inst. It is estimated that about 4,000 troops will be under arms, divided into attacking and defending forces. The general idea is that on the 24th inst. the force drawn from the garrisons in the forts on the river—will land at the Limpopo Pagoda, on the south bank of the River Min, about 5 miles below Foochow, and march towards the Foreign Settlement, camping for the night on the plain. The defenders, being troops stationed at the military camps in Foochow City, march out of the city, cross the river, by the bridge on to the Foreign Settlement, and proceed to Tam Poo Tow, where they bivouac for the night. On the morning of the 25th inst. there will be a sharp fight between the two divisions, and the troops afterwards return to their quarters. On Monday, the 28th inst., a grand review is to be held on the Tartar parade ground, near the East gate of the City.

CANYON DAY BY DAY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

CANTON, 24th January.

At one o'clock yesterday afternoon, whilst a meeting was taking place at the Railway Shareholders' Association in Mu Lan She Yuen, a number of other Canton shareholders appeared on the scene and made some vigorous protests and interruptions, with the intention of creating a disturbance at the meeting. After an interruption of about half an hour's duration a body of police was called in and order was then restored.

On the 20th instant a gang of robbers attacked a village named Shang Tsui near Fatshan, and ransacked about seventeen houses. When making off on their way with their booty, the robbers attacked another village named Lung Tsui and broke into another eighteen houses, in this locality. It is an almost daily occurrence for me to report cases of robbery committed in Fatshan and its vicinity for the past few days.

It is reported that the Seventy-two Guilds Association of Canton and the different merchants are at present devising means for the purpose of showing their gratitude to H. I. M. the Emperor, for the abolition of the Registration and Cancellation Fees.

A report has been received from Wuchow that a robbery of a dastardly nature has taken place at Tang Yuen District in Kwangsi, in a village of the clan of Shek on the 8th instant. Some eighty robbers attacked the village and killed one and severely wounded several villagers. Furthermore the robbers kidnapped nine males and four females; but, since, the male villagers have been released. About a thousand soldiers are in hot pursuit of the robbers, the number of whom seemed to be increasing on the way. In the encounter some twenty soldiers have been killed and some fifty wounded including an official. The pursuit has lasted for some ten days and a despatch has been received by H. E. Vice-Roy Chow, asking for reinforcement.

H. E. the Viceroy has given instructions to the Military Department to at once select suitable military officers and different military students, who have completed their course in the different military colleges, for the purpose of sending them to the different parts of the province to reorganise the present military system.

The Provincial Treasurer Wu has been in office here for three years and by law he should have an interview with H. I. M. the Emperor, but at present H. E. Vice-Roy Chow Fu has telegraphed to the Grand Council, to retain the services of this official here, whose help he cannot very well at present spare, owing to the new Provincial Judge being in his position for such a short period.

A COOLIE'S LOVE AFFAIRS.

WANTED TO EMBRACE THE LADY.

Leung Chak Shun, an unemployed individual, was ordered by Mr. F. A. Hazland, this morning, at the Police Court, to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital to be placed under observation for a few days, as it is believed his mind is unhinged. Leung was charged with entering house No. 5, Hill Road after ten o'clock last night with the intention of committing a felony. A young lady, who said she was the complainant, testified to the effect that while she was "in bed having dinner" last night she saw accused sneak into her cubicle and hide himself in a corner. She asked him what he wanted and on receiving no reply called an officer and gave the striver in charge.

"What were you doing in this house?" asked the Court.

The defendant murmured something which the interpreter could not understand, and the Court *lukong* was given a test.

"He says he went there to embrace the girl," said the *lukong*, going red about the face, after hearing all defendant had to say.

" Didn't give him the chance," murmured the girl when she heard what was said.

" I don't think this man is right in the head," said his Worship.

The police did not think so either, and they were instructed to have the man placed under medical observation, and the case was adjourned.

From an artistic scroll which we have received we learn that an industrial exhibition will be opened at Tokio on 20th March and continue until 20th June next. An auxiliary association has been formed with the object of welcoming foreign visitors and suggesting the "lions" they should view.

WUCHOW NOTES.

CHANGHAI.

Wuchow, 22nd January. Mr. H. Arthur of the British West River S.S. Co. has left for Nanning to investigate trade prospects in the new port. Captain Dixon, of the same Company, from Hongkong, has arrived, and is representing the above Company during Mr. Arthur's temporary absence. Captain Dixon's return to Wuchow is welcomed by his numerous friends here.

A representative of Banker & Co. has also left this port for Nanjing, so it is apparent that the local firms do not intend being behind the times as far as establishing themselves immediately at the new port is concerned. Mr. T. Wilton, H. B. M. Consul for Teng-yueh (British-Chinese frontier), passed through here, en route to take up his appointment via Nan-

Nanning.

The Chinese Government apparently intend doing all in their power to facilitate and increase the trade of this new port. The drawback to the Wuchow-Nanning trade lies in the fact that certain small passenger stations would not be able to be utilized for what is known as stage-cargo stations. This drawback has been withdrawn and abolished, and stage-cargo, it is said, will be freely shipped between this port and Nanjing subject to examination and payment of duties at either terminus, viz., Wuchow or Nanjing. This will, of course, be greatly appreciated by the merchant class, as well as the small traders at the various passenger stages, or stations, and this practice is only in accord with the precedent already established on the West River. The principal stations between here and Nanjing are Teng-yueh, Kuang-how, Mung-kong, Kwei-yuen, and Kwei-ping, and these together with a large number of smaller stations of little importance, should collectively have a decent trade, which would yield the Government a good revenue.

PROSPECT OF FAMINE.

Bad reports are coming in from those in the country. The rice crop is much of a failure and other cereals have also failed to yield satisfactory results. In the favoured parts of the country only 50 to 60 per cent. of the crop has been yielding and other parts have only yielded as little as 20 and 30 per cent. A bad winter is expected as far as the price of foodstuffs is concerned, and this will cause a great deal of hardship amongst the peasant class in the country. Proclamations have been posted in the City prohibiting merchants from exporting grain, but such proclamation has been issued by the Tao-tai, and does not apply to the Customs. The consequence is that rice, wheat, etc. are being passed through the Customs and afterwards invariably "held up" by the *liu* stations, who refuse to allow the export of cereal. Some of the local native merchants have had a bad financial year, and it is rumoured that a number of them will "put up the shutters" at the Chinese New Year settlement. Business is very stagnant just now, and money is very "tight" in the market, and it will be a bad Chinese New Year for many of the Wuchow merchants.

SOCIAL.

We have had a very dull time lately and the absence of the river gunboats has been felt. H. M. S. *Sandpiper*, however, is due here in a day or two, and the local Recreation Club is busy practising football and cricket, so as to give the gunboat a good game. There is also some talk of a shooting match between teams from the *Sandpiper* and Wuchow.

CLAIM AGAINST UNION INSURANCE CO.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFFS.

At the Supreme Court, this morning, before His Honour the Chief Justice, presiding in Original Jurisdiction, judgment was formally entered for the plaintiffs in the case in which the Sun Kwong Lee firm, piece-goods dealers, formerly carrying on business at No. 352, Queen's Road Central, but now at No. 63, Wing Lok Street, sued L'Union Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., for the recovery of the amount of the policy of insurance issued to the plaintiffs by the defendants in respect of the said premises, No. 352, Queen's Road Central, and which premises were entirely destroyed by fire, as already recorded in these columns. There had been a similar suit brought against the North German Fire Insurance, on account of almost identical circumstances, and L'Union Insurance Co. had elected to abide

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuters.]

The Jamaica Earthquake.

LONDON, 23rd January.
The Mansion House fund has reached £5,000, of which £15,000 has been wired to Jamaica.

The United States and Canada.

Mr. Root, the guest of the Canadian Club in Ottawa, in a speech, said that the difficulties between Canada and the United States were insignificant compared with the fact that both had lived in peace for ninety years.

Italian Ambassador to Japan.

Count Gallina has been appointed Italian Ambassador to Tokio.

Later.

Earthquakes in Sumatra.

A Hague official notification states that, on the 11th inst., the island of Sumatra almost disappeared; 1,500 persons lost their lives and violent earthquakes occurred daily.

Japanese Labourers in California.

The Immigration Commissioner in San Francisco, under instructions from Washington, has forbidden the landing of 200 Japanese labourers from Honolulu.

Great Britain and Japan.

The Times says that Saito's speech commands, both in substance and form, the admiration of Japan's European allies, as well as gratification at the growing solidity of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. It is felt in Great Britain that the strength of the alliance makes both parties earnestly desire an attitude of lasting friendship and goodwill towards a third Power in Asia, and urges a cordial understanding with Russia as the best means of maintaining peace.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

LEAGUE TABLE.

The following is the League table up to date:

Club.	Matches.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Per cent.
Hongkong Police	9	6	2	1	19	70.37	
Craigengower	10	5	3	2	17	56.66	
H.K.C.C. "A"	10	5	4	1	16	53.33	
Glyl Service	8	4	1	3	15	62.50	
Kowloon	6	3	0	3	12	66.66	
Army Staff	10	2	6	2	8	56.66	
R.G.A.	6	1	3	2	5	27.72	
R.E.	9	0	7	2	2	7.30	
3 points = a win.							
1 point = a draw.							

CRAIGENGOWER v. POLICE.

This league match will take place on Saturday, at 2.15 p.m., between the above Clubs on the Police Ground. The following will represent Craigengower:—L. E. Lammer (Capt.), R. Bass, A. O. Brown, M. S. Atger, L. A. Rose, E. Irving, E. S. Ford, R. B. Cooper, S. E. Green, G. G. Evans, and E. Hunter. Reserve:—J. Pestonje.

The following will represent the Police:—Wodehouse, King, Langley, Kerr, McHardy, Kent, Pitt, Winter, Edwards, Fowler and Apple. Reserve:—Davis and Foley. Umpire: Inspector Withers.

CIVIL SERVICE v. R. E.

The following team has been selected to represent the Civil Service. Mr. H. T. Jackman (Capt.) Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Messrs. F. A. Biden, E. B. Reed, G. A. Woodcock, P. R. Adams, L. E. Brett, P. T. Lamble, A. J. Jordan, E. W. Dawson and A. N. Other.

CIVIL SERVICE "A" v. PARSER CLUB.

The following team has been selected to represent the Civil Service "A." Messrs. C. Chawley, G. Pile, W. Cast, A. Cooper, G. Hoggarth, A. Tucker, D. Willes, L. Bolton, G. Boddock, G. Cole and C. W. Irrell.

FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD.

The Rugby Club met the Royal Engineers on Saturday on the Club ground. Kick-off at 3.45 prompt. Eng. Lieut. Forbes will referee and the players are:—

Royal Engineers:—Capt. Shute; Liec. Cpl. Henwood and Spr. Beardmore; Spr. Rayne, Cpl. Forsyth and Spr. Hamblin; Liec. Cpl. Turner, Lieut. Ogle, Cpl. Healey, Spr. Amphlett, and Spr. Davies. Linesman:—Liec. Cpl. Harkell.

The tie between Lusitano F. C. and R. A. M. C. will be played on Saturday on Military Ground, Happy Valley. Kick-off at 3 p.m. Teams:—Lusitano:—F. da Silva, L. G. Cordeiro, J. C. Barreto, M. J. Victor, P. da Roza, H. Hyndman; R. C. da Silva, A. J. V. Ribeiro, L. A. Ozorio, V. Barros, E. Hyndman.

R. A. M. C.:—Atkin, White, Stanley, Smith Wharton, Grindall, Johnson, Coop, Primer, Jones and Davis.

POLICE Constable Roby, of the Water Police Station, summoned the master of the steam launch "Wo On" before Mr. F. A. Haseland, at the Police Court, to-day, for failing to stop when signalled to by the police launch. The defendant said he did not see the police on the day in question. The officer said that on the 22nd instant accused's launch was seen crossing the harbour. She was full of passengers and the cargo on board was stacked as high as the awning. He called upon the launch three times to stop as he suspected it was carrying passengers in excess, but no police was paid to the signals. The master was fined \$10.

THE AMOY RACES.

The Amoy Race Meeting of 1907 will long be remembered as one of the most successful that has ever taken place in that small sporting community. Four Shanghai Jockeys accepted the invitations of their Amoy friends, and it need hardly be said that the treatment they received from all hands was that of the "greatest of kindness."

The morning of 10th inst. saw the opening of the Meeting, the Consular Cup being the first race, which Rhone won with Mr. Midwood up. The Trial Stakes came next, open to Amoy subscription griffins, and this was taken by the favourite, "Cross Deep" Mr. Pearce in the saddle.

The Po-Kee Challenge Cup, 1/4 mile, only brought out two starters Tipcat and Nimbus, ridden by Messrs. Lanning and Midwood respectively, and after a close finish the former won in the creditable time of 2.45:

Following this race the Hockwan Cup was run and resulted in a fairly easy victory for Mr. Goodfellow on Trefibbute. The E Ming King Plate was practically a "walk over" for Auld Lang Syne Mr. Midwood up, the other runner being quite outclassed. The Kolangcup brought a field of eight starters and was won by The Limit, well ridden by Pears. The seventh and last race of the first day, the Amoy Stakes, fell to Platelayer, Pearson up, the Fochow Champion winner "Ilo," who was very "dicky," coming in a good second. Time 2.50 7/5ths.

It commenced to blow on the evening of 10th, and next morning a fairly strong North Easter was in evidence, so it can hardly be said that the second day was an ideal one from a racing point of view, although it kept but few of the ladies away from the Course, which spoke well for the interest the fair sex takes in the "great game" in Amoy.

Proceedings opened on the second day with the Chaze Cup which Mr. Midwood won on Ginger. For the next race, the Amoy Derby, the field was a disappointing one, only three starters, and was won by Discomfit, Lanning up. The Challenge Cup resulted in a good race and Rhone, piloted by Mr. Midwood, was victorious, winning outright, this magnificent trophy for Mr. Wilson he having won it in the previous year with Asphodel. Both owner and jockey received numerous congratulations, the victory being an extremely popular one.

The following race, the Exchange Plate, was also won by the same owner, with Nimbus, who had also Mr. Midwood in the saddle, but it was a very close finish with the well-known Fochow sub. Spots.

The Jockey Cup was reserved for local jockeys and was won by Dr. Moorehead on the Limit, another very popular win. The sixth race, the Racing Stakes, fell to Trefibbute, Goodfellow up.

Distress, Lanning up, won the Ewa Cup and this event closed the proceedings for the second day.

The morning of the third day opened fine, the wind having practically disappeared, so a good day's sport was looked for and certainly no one was disappointed. Several people who had been unable to be present on the previous days helped to swell the crowd, and when the first race was started, punctually at 12.30, the stands and enclosures were well filled.

A start was made with the Leger Cup which was won by Nimbus, Midwood up. The Twoman Cup, presented by a couple of Amoy's best sports, fell to Ginger, ridden by the all conquering Midwood. The Hack Stakes followed and once more Dr. Moorehead was able to show the local jocks the way round on enclosure. It was a good race, old W. C. coming in second. The Lottery Cup was won previously been placed four times second.

For the Consolation Cup a fair number started and the race was easily won by Mr. Goodfellow on Spots. A good little pony and one that should have rendered a better account of himself.

The Nil Desperandum Stake resulted in a hard fight between "Macao" and "Buck Up" but Lanning just managed to gain the verdict on the former.

The Champions brought out a field of six starters.

Tipcat, Lanning 1
Rhone, Midwood 2
Platelayer, Pearson 3
Nimbus, Magill 0
Trefibbute, Goodfellow 0
Auld Lang Syne, Scott 0

After a false start, Trefibbute got away for about half a mile before he was pulled up. When the flag ultimately fell, Tipcat went well to the front and was never headed, and thus secured a good win for his popular sporting owner, Mr. F. B. Marshall, in the record local time of 2.43.

Although with the Champions over the programme was brought to a close, the Taotai, who had been present on the third day, was not content until a race had been run for a Cup he was pleased to give. Owners were anxious to secure this coveted trophy, so a good field turned out, and after a close race, Distress, Lanning up, was declared the winner, P. P. C. once more being second.

Before closing this account a remark must be made as to the good behaviour of the numerous Chinese present on the three days, and the keen interest they took in the sport. The gentlemen who had charge of the course had little difficulty in keeping the large crowd orderly and in the best of humours.

As long as Amoy has such thorough sportsmen as Messrs. Marshall, Thomas, Wilson, Mempel and others taking such interest in the races one will always be sure of seeing as good and clear racing as was witnessed this year by "ONE WHO WAS THERE."

—Shanghai Times.

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Kah-yunn	5
Ah Wore	2
Ah Hoi	5
Ah Sing	5
Heung Fat	5
J. Hand	10
R. S. per S. China M. Post	100
Total	\$ 2,585

THE POKNOOLUM ROAD INCIDENT.

NO WORD FROM GOVERNMENT ANALYST.

The German seaman, 1. Scherzer by name, who was picked up by the West Point police in a semi-conscious condition near No. 1 Bridge, Poknolum Road, on Wednesday afternoon, is, contrary to all expectations, progressing favourably in hospital. Up to the time of writing the police have secured no evidence, medical or otherwise, to show what the German was suffering from when he was admitted into hospital, although they expect word sooner or later. The police, however, are of opinion that the man was suffering from opium-poisoning, and if this theory is confirmed by the Government Analyst, who has been handed the phial found in Scherzer's pocket by the police—which was said to have once contained laudanum—and the drawings of the stomach pump, then the unfortunate seaman as soon as he has completely recovered will have to show cause—not to the police, but to a magistrate—why he should not be dealt with for attempting to commit suicide.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

MENUS.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 1907.

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HORS D'OEUVRES.

Tartlets à la Russe.

SOUP.

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Smoked Garoupa and Egg Sauce.

ENTREES.

Veal Cutlets and Green Peas.

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Ox Brain.

Roast Sirloin of Beef and Horseradish.

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Boiled Leg of Mutton and Caper Sauce.

Cold Bologna Sausage and Tomato Salad.

SWEETS.

Toasted Pudding.

Gooseberry Pie and Custard.

Tipy Cake.

Cheese Straws.

DESSERT.

Coffee. Fruit. [15]

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th instant, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1907.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex.s.s. "Medea," from Havre ex.s.s. "Medea" and from Bordeaux ex.s.s. "Ville de Marseille," in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

All claims must be sent to me on or before the 29th January, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

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Intimation.

SAINT-RAPHAEL

TONIC, RESTORATIVE, DIGESTIVE WINE

Very palatable.

Known throughout the world and prescribed in all cases of Anæmia, Debility and Convalescence, to young women, children and the aged. Invaluable in hot climates.

Does one wine-glass after the two principal meals.

Each bottle of genuine VIN SAINT-RAPHAEL bears, in addition to the registered trade-mark:

(1) THE WARRANTY STAMP OF THE UNION OF FABRICANTS.

(2) A METAL SEAL showing SAINT-RAPHAEL.

CLETEAS is a MELISSA and MINT cordial which surpasses all others by its purity and faultless preparation. To be taken on a lump of sugar, COMPAGNIE DES VIN SAINT-RAPHAEL, Valence (Drôme-France).

OLD BOOK MACGREGOR & CO., HONGKONG.

"AMONGST THE SAKAI, AHOKI-GIVES OF MAIAY."

A lecture was given at the Empire at Bristol by Mr. Fred W. Knocker, F. Z. S., who was formerly resident in Bristol and was sub-curator of the City Museum in Queen's Road. A large audience greeted the lecturer, who briefly referred to his former connection with the city, and to the pleasure it afforded him to come back to meet old friends, and to give them an account of his life and experiences in the distant country he had visited, and the strange people amongst whom he had lived during the past six years. He described the geographical position of the country and the route pursued to reach it, and by the aid of outline maps showed the relative position of the states now inhabited by the civilised races, and those wider regions into which the ever-advancing civilisation of the peninsula caused the aboriginal races to retire. In addition to the Sakai people there were other native races, such as the Semang and Jakun, but he proposed to confine himself principally to a description of the former. He declined to speculate upon the origin or antiquity of the race, owing to the absence of sufficient data, but spoke of the hardships and oppression suffered by the natives under the Malays after they had discovered and taken possession of the country, and of the comparative freedom enjoyed after the establishment of the British protectorate. He described the Sakai natives as a mild, tame, and anti-warlike race. They were a well-built, well-proportioned people, healthy, active, and strong, as would be expected of men living in the open-air. But they were excessively timid and retiring, and the continual advance of the white man worried them, and drove them further into the depths of the jungle. So hurriedly would they abandon their camps upon the approach of civilised men, that often their fires, their partially-cooked food, and, perhaps, even a forgotten child, would remain as evidences of their hasty flight. When he got on terms of intimacy with them, he found they were a simple, good-natured people, bright and merry. Their only clothing consisted of a kind of a cloth made from bark, softened by beating and hammering it, but they were very ready to avail themselves of "borrowed plumes" in the cast-off garments of the civilised races with whom they came in contact. Their principal weapon was the blow-pipe and poisoned dart, in the use of which they were very expert. The lecturer minutely described these, and the care with which they are made, the tips of the darts being poisoned with the sap of the deadly *upas* tree, and notched in such a way that any attempt to remove the dart from a wound would leave the poisoned tip behind. They were very fond of animals, and kept many as pets, and had a very sympathetic feeling for them, on one occasion absolutely refusing to obtain for him a wild dog, which he was anxious to obtain for scientific purpose. They had very little belief in the occult, or in witchcraft, magic, or supernatural or religious rites, but there was very little crime, or strife or immorality amongst them. They were very fond of personal adornment, and were eager to render small services, or barter their possessions, for coins and other articles for which they had no use except to string them into bracelets or necklaces. Mr. Knocker dwelt upon the probable future of the country, and upon the rapidly developing growth of, and trade in, rubber, and in the tin-mining industry. The lecture was illustrated by a large number of photographs, showing the nature of the country and the characteristics of the people, many of the pictures having been obtained under circumstances of considerable difficulty and some danger.—*Western Press*.

PHANTOM SHIP.

ANCIENT MYSTERY OF CAPE HORN SOLVED.

The mystery of the phantom ship of Cape Horn, which has puzzled superstitious mariners for centuries and led many vessels and their crews to a watery grave, has at last been solved, according to the "Daily Express."

Ships coming from Europe to Western America by way of Cape Horn have been startled by what seemed to be a derelict vessel with water washing over the decks.

The *Crown of Italy* was one of the ships which sighted the supposed ghostly vessel in distress, and in going to its aid ran on a rock and was wrecked.

Not long ago the Norwegian barque *Servia* arrived at Seattle with the tale of a phantom ship which almost exactly corresponded to that given by officers of the *Crown of Italy*.

Along the Norwegian's strange story the United States Hydrographic Office instituted inquiries. At their request the Argentine Government sent out a steamer which found that the apparition was due to a strange freak of nature.

Among the black, jagged rocks that lined both sides of the Strait of Magellan there was one in particular which, under certain atmospheric conditions, bore a deceptive likeness to a ship.

The formation of the rocks and the shadows they cast combined to produce the effect of a barque running under short sail.

The place will be marked in future on the charts with the words: "Rock bearing the appearance of a ship."

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Riverton, Br. s.s., 2,236, T. H. Whiteway, 24th Jan.—Cardiff 3rd Dec. Coal.—Admiralty.

Marie, Ger. s.s., 1,169, J. Petersen, 24th Jan.—Mauritius 30th Dec. Suez.—Nan Win.

Victoria, Swed. s.s., 1,324, Kellberg, 24th Jan.—Saigon 19th Jan. Rice.—Aagaard.

Thoresen & Co.

Tatsu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,952, N. Yanagi, 24th Jan.—Kobe 16th Jan. Matches, Coal and Gen.—Yen Hing Tai.

Sophie Ickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,800, Kochu, 24th Jan.—Moj 10th Jan. Coal.—A. K. & Co.

Haitan, Br. s.s., 1,183, J. S. Roach, 25th Jan.—Poochow 2nd Jan. Amoy 23rd, and Swatow 24th. Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Haitan, Fr. s.s., 3,77, J. Andersen, 25th Jan.—Pakhoi 22nd Jan. Hoihow 23rd. Gen. and Pigs.—A. R. M.

Taming, Br. s.s., 1,357, A. W. Outerbridge, 24th Jan.—Manila 23rd Jan. Gen.—B. & S.

Chiyuen, Ch. s.s., 1,77, C. Stewart, 25th Jan.—Canton 24th Jan. Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Ulv, Nor. s.s., 3,015, W. H. Towrie, 25th Jan.—Liverpool 14th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Yakoh Maru, for Java.

Loyan, for Saigon.

Haiyan, for Swatow.

Chengchow, for Swatow.

Triumph, for Haiphong.

Skuld, for Saigon.

Hangchow, for Tsingtau.

Diamond, for Hangchow.

Phranang, for Swatow.

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